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IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-80 (canceled)

Claim 81 (previously presented): A homogenous preparation of recombinant soluble FcyRllb receptor, wherein the receptor contains the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 3, the receptor being characterized by the absence of a transmembrane domain, signal peptide and glycosylation, the said preparation being obtainable by expression of a nucleic acid encoding such receptor in prokaryotes under conditions that lead to production of insoluble inclusion bodies and renaturation of the receptor molecules from the inclusion bodies.

Claim 82 (canceled)

Claim 83 (previously presented): The homogenous preparation of claim 81, wherein the receptor is of human origin.

Claims 84-98 (canceled)